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SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1903.

Rev. Mr. Cook's Appointment.

Rev. Charles A. Cook, pastor of the First Baptist Church, has been appointed by the National Committee on Christian Stewardship of the Baptist denomination to the superintendence of its work. The purpose of the committee is to conduct a work of education among the Baptist churches of the Northern States in the principles of Christian stewardship, and the Superintendent will give his entire time to the work. His duty will be to publish and distribute literature upon the subject, secure the appointment of committees in each Baptist State Convention, hold conferences, and in other ways disseminate the truths for which the committee stands.

For several years Mr. Cook has given special attention to the subject of Christian giving, and to the wider subject of Christian stewardship. About the time he came to Bloomfield, a prize essay on "Systematic Giving," of which he was the author, was published in pamphlet form in Toronto, Canada. It was afterward published by the American Baptist Publication Society in Philadelphia, and has had a large circulation. Three years ago another pamphlet from his pen on "Stewardship" was published by the same society. He has also written several tracts and many newspaper articles on the subject.

These facts and the remarkable financial development in the Baptist Church here under his pastorate have led the committee to choose him as Superintendent of their work. The action of the committee in making the appointment, has also been endorsed by the Secretaries of the American Baptist Missionary Union, the American Baptist Mission Society, and the American Baptist Publication Society, so that should Mr. Cook give up his pastorate to accept this office, it will be with the hearty approval of the leading men of the denomination.

Mr. Cook goes to Canada on his vacation next week, but he could not say when interviewed whether he would announce his decision to his congregation to-morrow, or on the following Sunday. It will be interesting to our readers to know that Mr. D. G. Garbrant is a member of the committee on Christian stewardship, and its Treasurer.

Too Many Side Issues.

A prominent member of the Fire Department said during the past week that he did not look for the Town Council to make much progress in the matter of new fire houses until that question was entirely divorced from the question of a town hall, police headquarters and other schemes that have been injected into the fire house question. These side issues, it is surmised, are being tacked on to the fire house movement for the purpose of delaying or defeating the project.

The opinion is expressed that the Fire Committee should shake off all such anomalies and report in favor of fire houses, and them alone. If other committees want buildings for other purposes, let them take up their projects separately, which can be readily done after the fire house matter is disposed of.

Linden Avenue Conference.

Another step towards the settlement of the long-pending Linden Avenue improvement case is arranged for this afternoon, when a conference will be held which will be participated in by the members of the Town Council, the Board of Assessors, the Town Engineer, and the property-owners. One feature of the conference will be personal inspection of the work done in the improvement of the street. The details of this protracted case are now familiar to all. This proposed method of reaching a settlement of it is in accordance with a mutual desire on the part of the Town Engineer, Mr. Olmsted, and the property-owners.

Looking Forward.

Edward Hart, the East Orange Democratic leader, is making preparations for the annual shore dinner of the East Orange Democracy. County Democratic leaders are looking forward with interest to this event.

The Town Hall.

MISTUR EDDYUR:
I see by ure report of the Town Council proceedings that the have got a noshun of byin the Nash place and usin it for a town hall, spendin a lot of munny on the house to make it suitable fur town purposes. Now that noshun looks to me like goin to a sekun hand shop and byin an old sute of kloose; every time the are worn the must be mended till the are worn out and good for nuthin. What in natur is the use of byin a katty korner lot, payin a good deal of cash for it, patchin up the blidin and makin it bigger, when there is plenty of property owned by the town that woodent kost a sent.

I kant konsue why in the name of kommon sense the don't think of that lot fruntin the Seminary; don't you see that Franklin Street kood be run direct to Liberty Street, and that wood leave a good size skware lot on which to bld a furt klasse town hall that our ansestors on future days wood be proud of. But I like the lower end of the park much better and I kant get it out of my head that it is the proper place for it. I've had taiks with a good meny pepel about this noshun, and I've met with only too objeckshuns. Wun of them sed 'twod never do; that seemed to settle it. The uther objection was by wun of the Town Council; he sed that the park was given to the town "for boys play ground and for military purposes." Well the last Town Committee wiped out wun objeckshun when the stop the boys from playin ball, and I don't think enny of the present generashun ever saw a military parade there. I guess the legislatur wood give the awuthority to put a town hall there if it was asked fur. When it kums to a vote by the pepel as to which noshun the prefer I'm pretty sure the will agree with me—so no more at present. Yours to command,

OBED OLDBOY.

Not Bety—I haint seen nuthin about bonds; it seems to me that the genera-shun to kum will be well satisfied if we do the rite thing now.

About Sidewalks.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: At a recent meeting of the Honorable Town Council of the town of Bloomfield the matter of sidewalks was discussed briefly. It was noted that for a number of years the town appropriated money to be used to defray one-half the cost of laying flagwalks in front of personal property, but for some time past this custom has not prevailed. It seems to me that it is an injustice to the property-owners of the town who are obliged to lay walks at the present time that they should be compelled to assume the total cost, in view of the fact that for years they were taxed their share of the cost for laying their fellow-townsman's walks. As a large portion of our town is already flagged, and was flagged on the fifty per cent. basis, it would not only be wise but justice for the Council to appropriate money for this purpose.

It would not seem so unjust had it been that any person who so desired could have taken advantage of the rule when it was in vogue, but such was not the case, for if you were so unfortunate as to make application just after some "big men" of the town gobbled up all the appropriation your application was void. I with many others sincerely trust that the Council will see fit to return to the former custom at an early date.

LIFE RESIDENT.

A Water Proposition.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: To the casual observer there seems nothing more ridiculous than the town of Bloomfield being in a quandary over the question of a water supply. The assertion has been made over and over again that there is a bountiful source of supply of the best quality of water north of Bay Avenue, and an expenditure of \$1,000 in experiments there would demonstrate beyond doubt the truth of such assertions. There are many things in favor of such an experiment.

With a good supply of water secured within the town limits, the clamor for annexation to Newark would lose much of its force. There is a large quantity of good water now running to waste through the Third River valley, and the lay of the land is such that a vast quantity of that water could be stored for fire, purposes and factory supply, while the water for household purposes could be taken from wells in the same valley. The cost of the duplicate mains would not be excessive.

Not Gateman's Fault.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: An impression has gained currency that the locomotive whistling nuisance about which Watsessing residents have complained to the Board of Health, was due to the negligence of the gateman at the street crossing. That is not so. The trouble is at the signal house at the junction of the Erie and Lackawanna Railroad. GATEMAN.

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Getting Impatient.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:
SIR: Can you tell me what has become of the committee of fifteen appointed to confer upon the water question? They were appointed at a meeting May 29, and were to report back to a public meeting as soon as possible. The air is full of all sorts of rumors as to what they have done and are going to do. But why don't they do, so we all can see them do it? Why, some of us went to the meeting of the Council Monday night, as there were rumors of how they were going to take action themselves. But they didn't look or act like the same persons whom, if you met on the street individually, would just give you an idea if you would just come around. Monday there would be something doing. Why, the hurdy-gurdy outside and Hon. C. W. Powers inside furnished all the music there was.

A. JAX.

School Act in Court.

The announcement made by Chancellor Magie that the Court of Errors and Appeals desired a reargument of the case of Michael Riccio against the Mayor and Common Council of the city of Hoboken, in which the constitutionality of the McKee school act was attacked, is regarded by some persons as indicating that the act is in danger of being set aside. The court fixed September 9 as the date for the reargument. The law was passed in 1902. The principal objection raised against the act was that the provision making a distinction between cities and other municipalities was contrary to the constitutional provision that a system of public instruction shall be maintained under uniform laws.

DISINFECTING A SHIP.

Moist Heat, a Thorough Germicidal Agent, is Used.

When the vessel has tied up to the wharf in New Orleans, the first step is the removal of the bedding, clothing and cushions and other cloth fabrics to the quarantine shed. Here they are hung on a framework consisting of a series of racks suspended from a long car running on a track and so arranged that when the racks are filled the whole thing may be run inside one of the three great disinfecting cylinders with which the station is equipped.

These cylinders are enormous steel boilers fifty feet in length by eight feet in diameter and fitted inside with continuous coils of steam pipe. The cylinders are covered with asbestos and swathed in felt, and when the cylinder caps are on they are airtight. When the clothing has been placed inside and the cylinders closed, dry heat is forced through the pipes at a temperature of 180 degrees, and this is followed by moist heat raised to a temperature of 230 degrees. The pressure of from six to eight pounds put upon this steam heat is sufficient to force it through heavy mattresses or bundles of clothing.

After a period which varies from thirty minutes to an hour the cylinders are opened, the racks are run out, and the rapid evaporation which follows causes the clothing to dry almost immediately. The clothing is unharmed by this process, and the moist heat is a thorough germicidal agent. It is an interesting fact that if a freshly laundered linen shirt or collar is put into the cylinder it will emerge thoroughly moist and apparently in need of another starching. The evaporation is so rapid, however, that it is immediately restored to its original condition, not even the gloss being removed.—Leslie's Monthly.

Lady Help A-plenty.

Mrs. Rangle—I've advertised for a servant for a whole week with no result.

Mrs. Cumso—Well, I advertised for a good looking lady help and had thirty-four to select from the first day.—Baltimore Sun.

Ready For the Experiment.

His Fiancée—Are you sure you would love me just as tenderly if our conditions were reversed—if you were rich and I were poor?

He—Reverse our conditions and try me.—Harlem Life.

Satan puts another gridiron on the fire when he sees a man buying beer with the money his wife earned at the washtub.—Chicago News.

Will Head the Discipline.

First Assistant Chief Engineer of the Fire Department was in command at Thursday night's fire, and it is rumored that he proposes to have the rules of discipline read to some of the under officials in the department.

Higher Taxes.

Rumors of increased tax rates for the current year are prevalent in all the Essex County municipalities. Both as to the county itself and the municipalities in it the expenditures for public purposes have anticipated for several years to come both county and local development.

No Sunday Base-Ball.

At the meeting of the police committee of the Orange Common Council held Thursday night several bills were passed and the members of the committee practically went on record as opposed to Sunday base-ball.

More Business.

The General Electric Company recently bought out a New York City plant manufacturing electric appliances. It is said to be the intention of the company to move the business to the factory at Watsessing.

Church Notes.

Following the custom of several years the First Presbyterian and Westminster Churches will worship together for eight weeks, beginning to-morrow, July 26. The services will be held in the Westminster Church for the first four weeks, during which time the First Church will be closed, and will be resumed at the First Church on August 23. The two Sunday-schools will also hold union services during the same time with Dr. Wells as teacher of the lesson to all who attend, beginning next Sunday in the Westminster Church. The Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor will unite as usual. The preaching services will be as follows: Westminster Church—July 26 and August 2, Rev. George A. Paul; August 9, Rev. William T. Elsing of the DeWitt Memorial Church, New York city; August 16, Rev. John H. Kerr, D. D., of New York city. First Church—August 23, Rev. Paul Moore Strayer of the Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N. Y.; August 30, Rev. J. Frederick Fitachen, Jr., of the First Presbyterian Church, Ithaca, N. Y.; September 6, Prof. Louis B. Crane of the Chicago Theological Seminary; September 13, Rev. George L. Ulis Curtis.

At the Westminster Presbyterian Church the programme of services to-morrow will be as follows: The Rev. George A. Paul will preach in the morning and evening. The music will be as follows: Morning at 10:30, Prelude, Moderate, *Dubois*; Anthem, *Sanctus*, *Gounod*; Offertory, duet, "The Lord is my light," *Dudley Buck*; Postlude, March *Pontificalis*, *Lemmens*. Evening at 7:45, Prelude, *Alceste*; *Ante*; Anthem, "Still, still with Thee," *Foote*; Offertory Anthem, "Seek ye the Lord," *Roberts*; Closing Anthem, "Abide with me," *Houseley*; Postlude, March *Solemn Gounod*.

Rev. Morris E. Dickinson of Hillburn, N. Y., will preach at the Park M. E. Church Sunday morning, and the Pastor, Dr. C. S. Woodruff, at 7 P. M. on "The Pope of the Pope and some lessons from it."

Rev. Charles F. Stanley of the Fifth Baptist Church, Newark, will preach in the First Baptist Church to-morrow morning.

The King's Highway.

"I am the Way, the Truth, the Life." Harken, the Master calleth thee; Ye troubled souls, with inward strife, Fear not, but rise and "follow me."

"I am the Way," the perfect way, The way of holiness, 'tis free. Walk ye therefore, not ever stray, Delay not, rise and "follow me."

"I am the Truth," my words receive, Ye doubting souls, "come unto me," Ye shall find rest if ye believe. Doubt not, but trust and "follow me."

"I am the Life," by me ye live, My life I freely gave for thee. Then of my life thy life receive, Reject it not, rise, "follow me."

Unto the Saviour quickly flee For refuge from the inward strife; Take up the cross and follow me,

"I am the Way, the Truth, the Life." I. P. W.

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